OLD ACRES

A Full Camping & Computer Experience for Young People

Midwest Computer Camp

Indianapolis, Indiana

What is OLD ACRES?

Nestled in a beautiful wilderness area northwest of Indianapolis, Old Acres, home of Midwest Computer Camp, offers the natural environment so essential to a full camping experience.

There are winding trails and secluded ravines for hiking, bird watching and other nature studies. The spacious lawns make ideal areas for an archery match, shooting basketballs or a friendly volleyball game. A large portion of the 50 acre estate is maintained as a wildlife refuge, where deer and other animals can often be seen.

In the center of Old Acres is a large, well shaded, open area with a barbecue pit and a screened-in picnic building, which is used for crafts and organized camp activities. And, of course, there is a picnic grove for sunny days and a campfire site for starlit nights.

At Old Acres, there is plenty of room to explore the wonders of the computer world as well as the great outdoors, share memorable times with newly found friends and learn more about how microcomputers can enhance your future.

The rugged setting, modern conveniences and relaxed atmosphere coupled with the Midwest Computer Camp's newest equipment and fully trained staff make time spent at Old Acres a rewarding investment.

Computer Education

Each student attending the camp will spend at least six hours a day in active, "hands-on" computer training. The camp uses all of the popular hardware and most of the available software for all brands of equipment.

Hardware

During class time students will have exclusive use of an Apple II+, Atari 400, Atari 800, Commodore 64, IBM PC, RS Model I, RS Model III, RS Model 12, RS Model 16, RS Color, TI-99 4/A, or Vic 20 microcomputer. Students have their choice of equipment, but are encouraged to use a variety to develop true skill with the language or application they are learning. Special emphasis is placed on the student working with the type of equipment they have access to at home or school.

Software

The curriculum includes a variety of programs for different skill levels, and students are advanced upon their individual achievement. These programs include Introduction to Microcomputers; BASIC, PASCAL, FORTRAN, COBOL, Pilot, LOGO, and Assembly Languages; Robotics; Games; Business Applications; Sound; Graphics; and System Operations.

Skill Development Programs

Learning centers and specific classes are available on unusual aspects of computer education such as SAT preparation drills, language enrichment, and current software, including word processing, electronic spread sheets, telecommunications, and database management.

Whether a student is encountering a computer for the first time or is ready for tutoring in advanced classes, our method of flexible, personal counseling in an interactive classroom assures that all students will succeed and receive maximum benefit according to their interest, knowledge, and length of stay.

Camping Was Never Like This!

At Midwest Computer Camp, we believe in providing the finest camping experience possible for the camper. A true camping experience develops warm lasting friendships, an appreciation of our environment, self reliance, and a healthy outlook on life.

However, our first and foremost objective is teaching the use, programming, and application of microcomputers. The setting, atmosphere, and conduct of staff is, therefore, academic in nature and conducive to learning.

Nature & Microcomputers Perfectly Blended!

Midwest Computer Camp is the largest, independent, year around, residential camp exclusively devoted to computer education in the United States. All of our efforts are geared to providing a friendly, comfortable, and fun atmosphere in which to learn about microcomputers.

Once attending Midwest Computer Camp, students know the difference between playing games and using the computer to expand their horizons.

Ratios and Statistics

A high staff to camper ratio of 1:4 and computer to student ratio of better than 1:1 insure campers an exceptional opportunity to learn and progress. Although we have facilities for over 100 campers, summer sessions are limited in enrollment to provide individual attention.

Campers spend over six (6) hours per day in computer training and additional time in open sessions working on programs or playing computer games.

Roughly 50% of our campers have had no previous computer experience and yet many are attending camp to learn assembly language or to solve problems with machine graphics.

While girls currently make up about 30% of our campers, the percentage is growing steadily. Campers are evenly distributed throughout the age range accepted. (8-16 years)

Geographically, campers come from throughout the country and represent all races, nationalities, and creeds.

Accommodations

Old Acres, home of Midwest Computer Camp, is a magnificent old estate with many handsome buildings including a two-story Director's Carriage House, beautiful stable type building with attached apartment, and a rustic log cabin lodge, which provide excellent dormitories for campers and housing for the staff. They are warm, clean, and fully carpeted.

In these spacious, comfortable surroundings, there is a fireside room, sun porch, game room and library for the camper's use. There are numerous indoor tiled baths and lavatories with plenty of hot water and all buildings meet strict state codes.

At the focal point of Old Acres on a landscaped knoll is the brick, Colonial style Education Center, with classrooms, administration offices and large meeting rooms. It is clean, bright and temperature/humidity controlled; a pleasant and conducive learning environment.

The first-aid station is fully-equipped to handle emergencies. A registered nurse is on the site each morning and a physician on call 24 hours a day. Parents may be assured that their young campers are well cared for at Midwest Computer Camp!

Experience

Over 3,000 people have received computer training at Midwest Computer Camp, the largest, full time, year around, residential computer camp in the nation. We do not operate only during summer as a side line like many camps. Our staff, facilities, and equipment continue to grow and develop on a year around basis with programs for schools, weekend camps, and adult classes.

Counselor Training

Counselors are carefully selected from among college students majoring in computers with teaching and/or camping backgrounds or experience in working with young people. Counselors working with skill areas are selected for their specific qualifications such as water safety, arts & crafts, and archery.

Each counselor is then brought to the camp and given a ten day course on our methods of teaching, handling of medical emergencies and needs, dealing with home sickness, safety, use and care of equipment, and role modeling, to insure each is properly equipped and trained to provide sound guidance and support to campers.

Camp Activities

An important part of the camping experience is healthy, active, outdoor recreation. While some extra-curricular activities are mandatory, most are elective. Campers sign up daily for those activities they choose to participate in, such as:

Archery	Jr. Counselor Training.
Arts and Crafts	Kickball
Astronomy	Leathercraft
Basketball	Map & Compass
Camp Crafts	Movies
Campfires	Nature Studies
Croquet	Outdoor Games
Dungeons & Dragons	Ping Pong
Firebuilding	Shuffleboard
Fishing	Soccer
Foosball	Softball
Forestry	Swimming
Frisbee	Volleyball
Hiking	Water Polo
Horseshoes	Weather
Indoor Board Games	Wildlife Management

Activities are scheduled to provide breaks between classroom sessions. Campers are given "free time" to spend at the library, quiet room, recreation areas, campfire site, concession stand, or game room. Some campers choose to spend this extra time with the computers, watching a movie, getting a sun tan, or participating in discussion groups. Campers can attend nearby religious services if desired.

We want Midwest Computer Camp to be an enriching and rewarding experience that a young person will remember and cherish all of their life.

Daily Schedule

7:00	Wake up call
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Computer class
9:30	Optional activity period or free time
11:00	Learning centers - open lab
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Computer class
2:30	Swimming or optional time
4:30	Learning centers - games
5:30	Dinner
6:00	Planned recreation activity
7:00	Computer class
8:00	Campfire, swimming, planned activity period
10:00	Quiet time or free time
10:30	Lights out

This schedule provides each camper with 2 1/2 hours of free time, 6 1/2 hours of computer time, 1 1/2 hours meal time, and 5 hours of planned recreation time per day!

Grouping & Scheduling

Campers are grouped in the classroom activities by skill and then age, while in other activities, campers are grouped by age and interest.

Boys and girls are housed separately, and counselors live with campers on a 24 hour basis.

While campers may elect many activities or learning centers, class work is divided based on observed skill, knowledge, and ability. Each student is encouraged to pursue those areas in which they have expressed interest.

All students get an introduction into the many areas of computers including music, sound, color, graphics, robotics, games, all types of hardware and peripherals, and most of the available software.

Meals

Hot delicious meals which are inspected and balanced to meet nutritional standards are served cafeteria style. In addition, night time snacks are provided each camper and the kitchen is stocked with supplemental items for the hungry camper. A vending area is also open with soft drinks and snacks.

Campers are free to dine in the fireside room; on the screened-in veranda; the nature room overlooking a rugged wooded ravine; the gathering room, a popular place where campers share experiences; or, on the tree covered patio.

Typical Menu Items

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs or French toast
Bacon or sausage
Orange juice & fresh fruit
Toast with butter & jelly
Milk

Lunch
Mini-sub sandwich or chicken salad
Coleslaw, green salad or boiled egg
Jello or fruit cocktail
Orange drink & fresh fruit
Milk

Dinner
Salisbury steak or veal cutlet
Mashed or scalloped potatoes
Greenbeans or mixed vegetables
Bread & butter
Pudding, Jello, or cake
Orange drink & fresh fruit
Milk

Snacks (always available)
Peanut butter & jelly
Fresh fruit
Cold cereal
Fruit drink or milk

Note: The use of "or" does not denote choice but indicates typical entrees. Options are provided for religious or medical reasons.

Aquatic Activities

All water activities are supervised by a fully certified water safety instructor and the water is routinely tested to meet standards established by the State Board of Health. While some water activities are organized, campers may spend some of their free time in the pool or getting a tan under the summer sun.

President

Lynn Crawford has developed and sold computer programs, taught computer training courses, conducted training programs for school teachers, and serves as a computer consultant for school systems, real estate and retail companies. He is a published author of computer/real estate articles and a wildlife book; and the owner/developer of two wildlife refuges. Lynn is personally involved in every aspect of the camp.

Camp Director

Frank Unum is Woodbadge trained, an active outdoorsman, camp planner, scoutmaster; and has taught nature study, wildlife, conservation, astronomy and related camping subjects. He is past president of one of the state's largest computer clubs.

Permanent Staff

A carefully selected and fully trained staff of instructors, counselors, and support personnel, maintain permanent records of camper's progress, and provide a follow-up program of pertinent information and programming assistance to campers through out the year.

Look us over!

Parents and potential campers are invited to visit Midwest Computer Camp any time. The facilities are open seven days a week, year around.
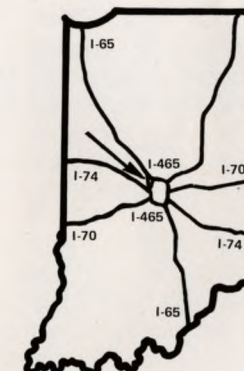
If you have any questions about Midwest Computer Camp's curriculum, programs, or facilities, or staffing, please call (317) 297-2700.

References are available upon request.

Location

Midwest Computer Camp derives it's name from it's location in the center of the country. It is located just off the I465 loop around Indianapolis, IN, only minutes from Indianapolis International Airport. While close to a metropolitan area, the camp is just north of Eagle Creek reservoir, in a rugged wooded area. This central location saves money in airline fees and travel time compared to other nationally recognized camps.

Campers arriving at the bus station or airport will be transported to and from the camp without additional cost.

Games

A young student learning to use the microcomputer has little need for, or interest in, an ammorization schedule or budgeting program which adults find so practical. Campers find a real attraction to games and enjoy creating and modifying them. The skill required to develop a good game exceeds the skill required to develop a budget program.

By utilizing their interest areas, students learn about operating systems, logic, programming techniques, gain a thorough understanding of the language being used, and are capable of writing programs. Each camper is taken as far as their interest, skill, and length of stay allow, on an individual basis!

CERTIFICATES

Each student will receive a Certificate of Completion for the courses completed to show with pride, a testimony of the ability to understand and use computers and a record of progress and accomplishment.

Skill, humorous, and special recognition awards are also given to campers in line with their activities while at Midwest Computer Camp. These rememberances will be treasured for years.

Consider before investing!

Many stores offer "camps" during the summer for young people where the primary purpose is the display of merchandise the vendor has for sale. This "lost leader" approach is based on the concept that whatever computer and software a young person is exposed to will be the brand preferred in the future.

Some schools and universities rent space to entrepreneurs on or off their staff to conduct computer "camps" in the summer. These facilities use only the equipment idled by the summer break and are part time approaches to teaching young people computers!

Unlike those, Midwest Computer Camp is a fully ACA accredited camp. With a well balanced program offering the best of both the academics of computers and the nurturing aspects of camping, our slogan is "Nature and Microcomputers Perfectly" Blended. We do not sell any equipment or have other vocations.

Academic Computer Advisory Council

Providing valuable input in areas of child behavior, educational standards and methods, industry trends, and computer technology, these talented people lend their expertise to Midwest Computer Camp on a routine basis.

Janet C. Weber, Ph.D., Chairman
Associate Professor, School of Medicine
Indiana University

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Math Department Head,
John Marshall High School

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Professor Emeritus of Accounting,
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Expensive?

No! What better investment could you make in the future of your child than to provide a better opportunity in a changing world!

No! The fees of Midwest Computer Camp are less than the fees of other nationally recognized computer camps or academic speciality camps. If you add travel expense, our central location means even greater savings.

No! Fees include all workbooks, computer time, software, accommodations, meals, tee shirt, and tuition. Other than travel and miscellaneous spending money for snacks, or items purchased from the store, everything is included in the one fee.

FEE SCHEDULE

1 week	$400.00
(limited availability)	
2 weeks	$750.00
4 weeks	$1,450.00
Additional weeks	$350.00

A deposit of $100 is required with application. All fees are payable in full by May 1st. Additional family member discount of $25/week applies to each member after the first. Fees are refundable until May 15th.

1984 CAMP SESSIONS

The six two week sessions are:

June 3-June 16,	June 17-June 30,
July 1-July 14,	July 15-July 28,
July 29-Aug. 11,	Aug. 12-Aug. 25.
Aug. 26-Sep. 1,	(one week session)

Limited one week sessions are available during the sessions listed above.

Camp sessions are limited to co-ed resident campus, ages 8 through 16.

Registration Procedure

To register, send your camper's name, address, city, state, zip, age, sex and choice of dates with a $100.00 deposit to Midwest Computer Camp, 9392 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46278, or call area (317) 297-2700. We can handle your registration by phone 7 days a week, 24 hours a day!

When your registration form and deposit are received, you will be sent an enrollment packet including the following:

A list of what to bring and what not to bring; a camp policies form; a medical history form; a computer skill survey; camp activity interest form; map and travel information; and complete parent information.

Changes in dates will be made, if required, providing dates are available. Fees are refundable until May 15th.

To ensure a place for your youngster and your choice of dates (determined by earliest postmark), you should register as soon as possible. We anticipate full sessions. Enrollment is limited to provide personal attention. (see ratios and statistics)
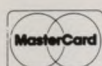
September through May

From September through May, Midwest Computer Camp at Old Acres offers a variety of programs in computer education for adults and young people; including weekend camps, classes, and school programs.

School systems participate in four hour field trips covering an Introduction to Microcomputer course and an overnight field trip on the BASIC language. Parents or students interested in their school systems participating in an exciting and educational field trip at reduced rates, should contact Midwest Computer Camp for full information. All classes utilize all of the popular microcomputers in "hands-on" training.

Conferences and Meetings

Old Acres grounds and facilities are available from September through May for weekend camping programs, sales meetings and seminars, various group functions, and outings. You are invited to inquire about rental rates, accommodations, and availability.
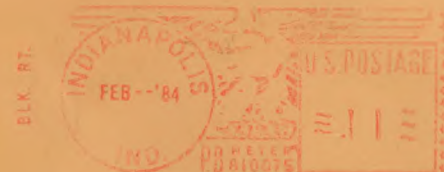
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